

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

**IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN WAKE OF
MAJOR INDUSTRIAL DISASTER IN WAKE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2009, a major industrial disaster occurred in Wake County at the facility of ConAgra Foods that substantially destroyed the physical facilities of the ConAgra Foods plant; and

WHEREAS, the State has worked to assist ConAgra Foods and its employees after this difficult event; and

WHEREAS, I have designated the Rapid Response Team of the Employment Security Commission and the Department of Commerce to serve as my task force to coordinate state assistance to ConAgra Foods and its employees; and

WHEREAS, compensation from ConAgra for numerous employees ended the week of November 9, 2009, through November 14, 2009.


NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. I hereby direct and authorize the Employment Security Commission to waive the "waiting week," as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. §96-13(c1), for the receipt of unemployment insurance benefits for employees affected by the ConAgra Foods industrial disaster.
2. I hereby direct and authorize the Employment Security Commission to implement regulations prescribing the procedure for the waiver of the waiting period week in accordance with G.S. §96-4(b).

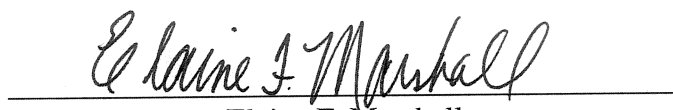
This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until November 24, 2010.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.




Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State